GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:86
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2008
STATUTORY BODY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Saradgi Shri Iqbal Ahmed

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in an effort to regulate distance and online education courses in India, the Government proposes to set up a statutory body that will also monitor courses being provided by the foreign Universities/Colleges through internet;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has prepared a draft bill to provide legal backing to the Distance Education Council; and

(c) if so, the time by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 86 FOR ANSWER ON 04.3.2008 ASKED BY SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI REGARDING STATUTORY BODY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

(a) to (c): A proposal, to establish an independent statutory body for promotion, coordination, determination and regulation of standards in the open and distance education system, which includes on-line education, is in an advanced stage of consideration. This Statutory body is also proposed to be empowered to regulate the entry and operation of foreign distance education providers.